

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Budget Summary							
Fund	2014-15 Base Year Doubled	2015-17 Governor	2015-17 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:			
				Governor		Base	
				Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
GPR	\$140,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	N.A.	-\$140,800	- 100.0%
PR	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>222,500</u>	<u>222,500</u>	N.A.	<u>222,500</u>	N.A.
TOTAL	\$140,800	\$0	\$222,500	\$222,500	N.A.	\$81,700	58.0%

FTE Position Summary					
Fund	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Governor	2016-17 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:	
				Governor	2014-15 Base
GPR	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	- 0.50
PR	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.50</u>
TOTAL	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00

Budget Change Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Governor/Joint Finance: Provide standard budget adjustments associated with full funding of salary and fringe benefits (-\$4,600 GPR and \$44,400 PR annually) and full funding of least directed moves costs (\$900 GPR in 2015-16 and \$1,200 GPR in 2016-17).

GPR	- \$7,100
PR	<u>88,800</u>
Total	\$81,700

2. ELIMINATE JUDICIAL COUNCIL [LFB Paper 410]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)		Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)		Net Change	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
GPR	-\$133,700	- 0.50	\$0	0.00	-\$133,700	- 0.50
PR	<u>- 88,800</u>	<u>- 0.50</u>	<u>222,500</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>133,700</u>	<u>0.50</u>
Total	-\$222,500	- 1.00	\$222,500	1.00	\$0	- 0.00

Governor: Eliminate the Judicial Council and staff. Delete funding and position authority of \$66,700 GPR and 0.5 GPR position in 2015-16, \$67,000 GPR and 0.5 GPR position in 2016-17, and \$44,400 PR and 0.5 PR position annually.

Under current law, the Judicial Council includes 21 members, including: one Supreme Court justice designated by the Supreme Court, one Court of Appeals judge designated by the Court of Appeals, the Director of State Courts or his or her designee, four Circuit Court judges designated by the judicial conference, the Chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly committees dealing with judicial affairs or a member of each committee designated by the Chairpersons, the Attorney General or his or her designee, the Chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau or his or her designee, the Deans of the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University law schools or a member of the law schools' faculty designated by the Deans, the State Public Defender or his or her designee, the president-elect of the State Bar of Wisconsin or a member of the State Bar Board of Governors, three additional members of the State Bar selected by the State Bar to serve three-year terms, one District Attorney appointed by the Governor, and two citizens at large appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms.

The Judicial Council is authorized to observe, survey, and study the operation and administration of all the courts in Wisconsin, and make recommendations to the Supreme Court, Governor, and Legislature on "any changes in the organization, operation and methods of conducting the business of the courts that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the court system and result in in cost savings."

Joint Finance: Delete provision and maintain the Judicial Council as an independent agency. Convert the current staff position (split 0.5 GPR and 0.5 PR position) to a 1.0 PR position funded from the Judicial Council's continuing program revenue appropriation with monies from the Supreme Court's Director of State Courts and State Law Library programs. Provide \$66,700 PR and 0.5 PR position annually. Under current law, the Council's program revenue appropriation is funded from all monies transferred from any of the GPR and PR appropriations of the Supreme Court's Director State Courts or the State Law Library.